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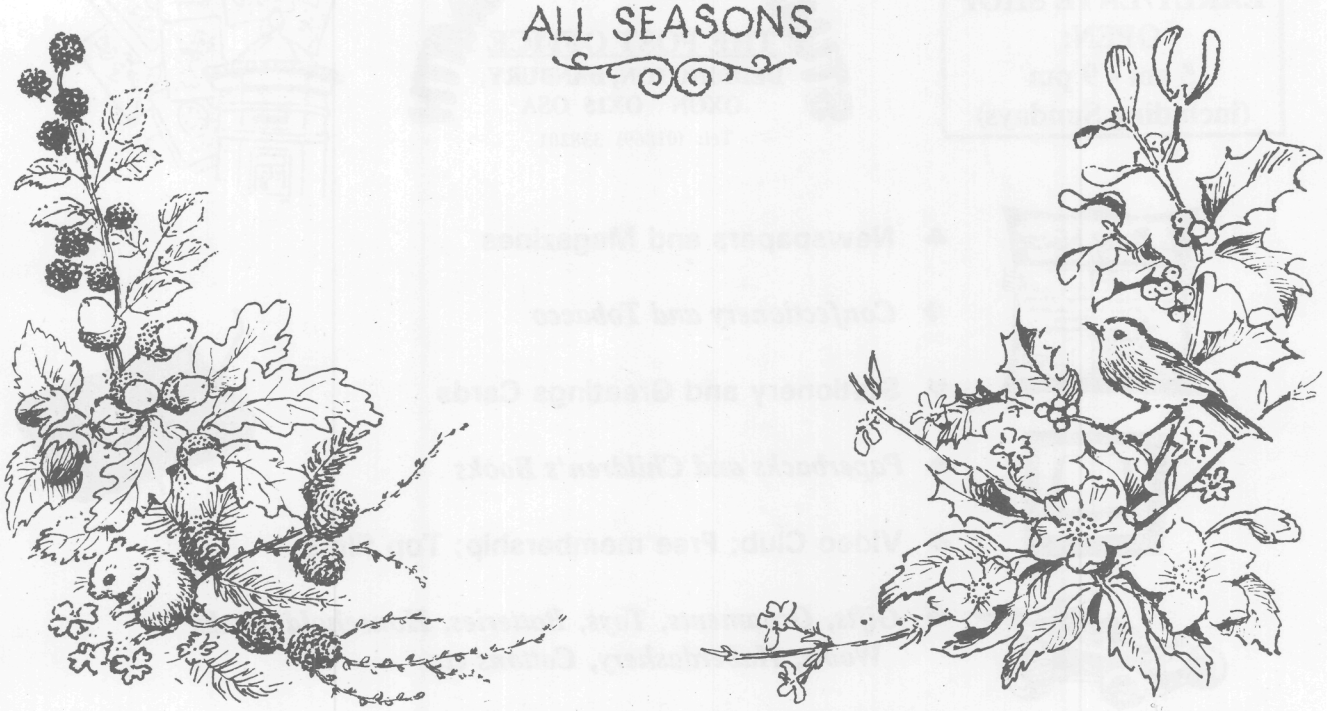

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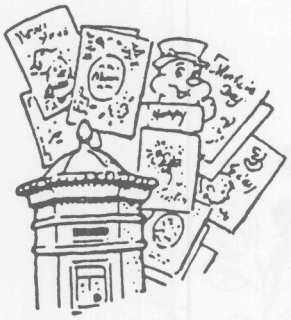

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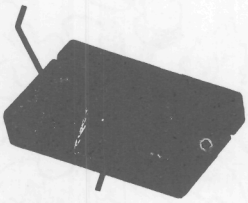

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EDITORIAL

As a PS to Nature Notes (p.11) there were still 100s of golden plover at Clifton on Feb. 26th. In between deluges, the valley was especially magnificent in February, making all the more distressing the thought that much of its length might be "manicured" into £1million's worth of amenity . I see that most reporters on, and correspondents to, the Banbury Guardian and Cake feel equally strongly. One suggestion that the most the valley needs is some improvement of the towpath, better car park facilities and perhaps an information centre or two seems about right. Cherwell DC **PLEASE TAKE NOTE** and put the rest of the money to saner use... Our PC will find some gripes among the Letters (pp 5-6). I sympathise with some but am puzzled why feelings about the Coat of Arms weren't sent in before the event rather than several months later. We, too, had some gripes, very justifiable (p. 4) and can only plead human fallibility.

We've been noting some changes around the Market Place including Dexter's (formerly Tiffany). Deddington Butchers (formerly Clarke's, p. 7) and the interesting marine decor and fare of The Blacksmith Forge (formerly Red Lion).

We send Adam Phillips (p. 6) every possible good wish. We hope others find inspiration from Thelma Dover (p.12). And are you being careful with your rubbish (p.13)?

Sylvie Spenceley Nickels.

MARCH DIARY

Wed	1	U3A: Mrs. J. Perree on Trekking In The Himalayas, Windmill Centre, 2.30p.m.
Th	2	Banbury Art Society, Pencil Technique, Church Hall, Marlborough Rd. 7.30p.m.
Fri	3	Carers' Drop-in, Deddington Health Centre, 2-4p.m.
Sat	4	PTA, Quiz Night, Deddington School Hall, 7.30p.m. (See February issue.)
Sat	11	Mad March Sale, Barford Village Hall, 2.30p.m.
Sat	11	British Legion, The Revivals.
Sat	11	Banbury Symphony Orchestra, Deddington Parish Church, 8p.m.(p.4)
Tu	14	WI: AGM, Holly Tree Club, 7.30p.m.
Wed	15	U3A: Mr. John Cheney on Old Banbury, Windmill Centre, 2.30p.m.
Wed	15	Parish Council meeting, 7.30p.m., the Town Hall.
Wed	15	Parish Council, Display Board Ceremony, Town Hall, 7.15p.m.. (p.12)
Tu	21	**COPY DATE FOR APRIL DEDDINGTON NEWS**
Tu	28	WI: Social Evening, Holly Tree Club, 7.30p.m.
Wed	29	U3A: Mr.J Basely on A Police Exchange Visit To China, Windmill Centre, 2.30p.m.

APRIL DIARY

Wed	5	Deddington Players AGM, 7.30p.m., The Windmill Centre.
Th	6	Banbury Art Society, Ceramic Sculpture, Church Hall, Marlborough Rd., 7.30p.m.
Sat	8	Deddington Gardeners' Outing to Ryton Organic Garden.(p.9)
Wed	12	Parish Council meeting, 7.30p.m., the Town Hall.
Wed	12	U3A: Mrs. D. Coleman on Cheeses from Switzerland, Windmill Centre, 2.30p.m.
Sat	15	British Legion, Night Shift.
Tu	18	**COPY DATE FOR MAY DEDDINGTON NEWS.**
Wed	26	U3A: Mrs Joy Allen on Lip Reading, Windmill Centre, 2.30p.m.
Wed	26	Windmill Centre AGM, Windmill Centre 7.30p.m.
Fri	28	Rural Well-Being Conference, Windmill Centre. (p.13)

DEDDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

NOTES on Meeting held on 15 February at the Town Hall.
ENVIRONMENT: 1. The new Clifton Road footpath has been churned up by horses, who are using it because of rubbish on the verge. CC to be asked for 'no horses' signs, and to clear verge. Local stables to be asked to keep off path. 2. CC has carried out work on drains and gullies in attempt to resolve problems with surface water. 3. PC to pay for two bus shelters as advertising company not able to provide them free. One will be in Hempton Road at The Paddocks and a smaller one in Hempton, off St John's Way. 4. Stagecoach Bus Company says buses unable to turn in Market Place because of parked cars. PC to ask company to be patient until building work completed in Hudson Street, after which problem may ease. 5. Results of parking survey due to be presented to next meeting of PC. 6. Possibility of planting memorial shrubs at entrance to cemetery to be decided at next meeting. 7. PC to press for repairs to Church clock as matter of urgency. 8. CC's plans for street lights studied by PC. Before proceeding, PC to confirm grant availability, but expects cost to Parish to be less than £5,000. 9. Plans for lighting church tower to proceed, at estimated cost of £2,200. Directional lights at ground level will light upper part of south, west and north faces of tower. Work should be complete in time for VE/VJ Day service. PC to consider sponsorship to help pay for running costs. 10. Results of Hempton Road traffic survey to be circulated to cllrs. 11. PC agreed to two local men displaying wartime memorabilia in Town Hall for VE/VJ Day.
RECREATION & GRANTS: 1. PC agreed to make £15 donation to the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, which is campaigning on issues such as light pollution, underground power cables and the re-instatement of elm trees. 2. Equipment has been ordered for tots' play area, which will be in use in April.
PLANNING & PROPERTY: 1. PC approved application for alterations at Unicorn, to include covered walkway, lavatories for disabled people and an internal staircase. 2. No objection to application to convert shop in New Street back to house. 3. Objection to revised plan for bungalow at rear of 1 Chapmans Lane on grounds it is undesirable backland development. 4. Banner Homes insist planning condition on the Hudson Street development allows for properties to be occupied by younger people provided main occupier is over 55. PC's clear understanding is no-one under 55 should live there. Clerk to write to individual members of CDC's planning committee to make sure they understand the situation and ensure DC planners place strict interpretation on the condition. 5. Application for change of use for dental practice at 1 Priory Dene, Hudson Street and plans for development at College Farm, Hempton also approved by CDC.
WINDMILL CENTRE: 1. Usage continues to rise; repairs and upgrading are on-stream. 2. The bowls, cricket, tennis and other clubs are planning a grand official opening day for 29 May. 3. Work on the all-weather court and bowling green is near completion and the roof now appears to be sound. Handover is due on all these and final costs are being examined by the committee. 4. Cricket, football and tennis club agreements are now signed; the bowling club meets in March to consider theirs. 5. The Badminton Club has again asked for a reduction in fees but the cttee feels it gets a reasonable deal at £10 a night. 6. The chairman of the Windmill Centre committee, Cllr Jim Flux, says the centre is a marvellous facility and a great asset to the village.
RAF UPPER HEYFORD: PC has received discussion papers from CDC on site's future. Cllrs debated a number of issues and agreed to write to the DC asking that there is no additional short term building.
DEDDINGTON TELEPHONE DIRECTORY: 1. PC paid tribute to Ian Sloane of Centrepoint and agreed to write to him in appreciation of his efforts following the incorrect listings for Deddington. PC supports businesses in their bid for compensation and a possible rental-free period. 2. Letter to go to BT asking that the new-number intercept remains until corrected directory is published.
PC FUNDS: 1. £450,000 (Bradford & Bingley); £150,000 (Treasury Deposit @ 6.0265%); £26,709 (Barclays Bank); £5,281 (Barclays). 2. Clerk to report on high interest options with a view to transferring £100,000 from Treasury Deposit.
CORRESPONDENCE: 1. Letter from Hugh Spottiswoode with proposals for commemorating VE/VJ day. PC to forward letter to church . 2. Letter from Mr Hunt on behalf of the widow of former PC chairman, Ken Garrett. Mrs Garrett wants to donate a plaque listing all PC chairmen, in memory of her late husband. PC gratefully accepted and agreed to unveiling ceremony prior to start of next meeeting. 3. Letter from Mrs Joan Ward, hoping bus shelters would be available soon. 4. Letter from Sylvie and George Spenceley opposing linear recreational path on environmental grounds, and stating the cost to the countryside is far too high. Letter noted by PC and forwarded to CDC. 5. Request from Youth Club for PC to consider funding qualified youth leader. PC to defer decision pending results of members' questionnaire.
ANY OTHER BUSINESS: PC has obtained 72 aerial photographs of Deddington. This will go on agenda for next meeting, possibly to arrange a public viewing.
NEXT MEETING will be on Wednesday, 15 March at 7.15pm in the Town Hall.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL

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March Services *(Parish Church)*.

Fri. 3 WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2pm. Service (see below)
Sun 5 10.30am. Family Communion.
Wed 8 10am. Holy Communion.
Sun 12 10.30am. Sung Eucharist (Preacher: John Martin, Managing Ed. of the C of E Newspaper).
Wed 15 10am. Holy Communion.
Sun 19 8am. Holy Communion (BCP). 10.30am Sung Mattins (BCP). (Preacher: Rev. Prof. John Barton, Professor of Interpretation of Holy Scripture, Oxford University)
Wed 22 10am. Holy Communion.
Sun 26 10.30am. MOTHERING SUNDAY. Family Service.
Wed 29 10am. Holy Communion followed by Healing Service.
Fri. 31 Midday prayers and meditation.

April Services.

Sun 2 10.30am. Sung Eucharist (Preacher: Rev. Sister Davina from All Saints Convent, Oxford).
Wed 5 10am Holy Communion.
Thu 6 2pm. Squeals and Wheels Toddlers and Pram Service.

March Services (*St. John, Hempton*).

Sun 5 & 19 9am Eucharist. Sun 26 6pm Evensong (BCP).
Sun April 2 9am. Eucharist.

Deddington Church Prayer Group will meet on Thursday, March 2 and Thursday, April 6 at 7.45pm for 8pm. in Corner Cottage (Mrs. H. Hall), Chapel Square, Deddington.

Children's Church (under 8 yrs.) and Church Junior Club (8-12 years) will meet at 10.15am in Deddington Primary School on Sundays March 12 and 19 and April 2. They will meet in Deddington Parish Church at 10.30am on Sundays March 5 and 26. at 10.30am.

Youth Fellowship and Junior Club. 20 members went ice-skating in Oxford with Alastair Welford - a great time was had by one and all!

Lent. We hope people will support the Inter-denominational house group meetings. At the 10.30am services in the Parish Church there will be a short series of addresses on different aspects of Christian ministry (see above for names of preachers).

Mothering Sunday Service, March 26. This is always a popular service (10.30am Parish Church). Children will be able to collect a posy of flowers for their mothers and the children from the C of E Primary School will be giving a presentation at the service.

Weddings in March in the Parish Church.

March 4 2.30pm David Cowley and Dawn Higgins.
March 25 2.30pm Jeremy (Jerry) Seager and Anna Lisa Haselden.

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS:

BAPTISM . February 5. in Deddington, ALEXANDER JOSEPH NOONS.

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DEDDINGTON WESLEYAN REFORM CHURCH, Chapel Square

March Services:

Sun 5 10.30am Holy Communion - Pastor I. Walton.
Sun 12 10.30am - Pastor I. Walton.
Sun 19 10.30am - Pastor I. Walton.
Sun 26 10.30am - John Burston.
Sun April 2 10.30am Holy Communion - Pastor I Walton.

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Wednesdays - 7.30pm Prayer and Bible-based discussion. (Venue - as above)

PASTOR ISABEL WALTON 338024 or 0926 640806

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FRIDAYS at 7pm there will be fellowship, prayer and Bible study. Come and join us!

March 25. The ordination of Pastor Alan Catterall will take place at 3pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

CHURCH AND CHAPEL cont.

The collection from this service will be donated to the Sir Michael Sobell House hospice.

March 26. Family Service at 10.30am. All welcome. Evening worship as usual.

DON DAVIDSON 347072

R.C. PARISH OF HETHE WITH ADDERBURY.

Sunday Mass times:- 9am Mass at Adderbury.
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11.15am Latin Mass at Hethe.

FRANK STEINER 338264

INTER-CHURCH ACTIVITIES.

Interdenominational Lent House Groups. House groups will meet for 5 weeks as follows:

Monday afternoons starting on March 6 at 2.30pm.

1. Ilbury House, New Street (Mrs. Gye 337303). Perspectives on Prayer.
2. Cromwell House, Market Square (Mrs. Valentine 338447). Video.

Tuesday evenings starting on March 7 at 7.45pm. Meeting at 2, The Maunds, High Str (Mr. and Mrs. Bushell 338715). Video.

Friday evenings starting on March 7 at 7.45pm. Grove House, High Street (Mr. and Mrs. Tothill 338186). Perspectives on Prayer.

The video is "Christ our Passover" and will involve watching talks by the Rev. Christopher Hill and discussing the implications.

Perspectives on Prayer will involve reflection on types of prayer, using the Bible and exploring images of God. You are warmly invited to join a group, even if you cannot attend every time. If you haven't already indicated your wish to attend, it would be helpful to telephone the host before the first meeting.

Women's World Day of Prayer Friday, March 3. Interdenominational service in Deddington Parish Church at 2pm. Special speaker - Audrey Bayley, Reader at St. Mary's, Adderbury. All welcome (including men!).

Ecumenical Prayer Group Mon. March 6 and April 3 at 7.45pm in the Wesleyan Reform Church.

Mid-day prayers and meditation Fri. March 31- 12 noon in St Thomas Chapel of the Parish Church.

Thought for the Month - supplied by Cannon Christopher Hall.

"*God gives us space to be persons. The doctrine of hell is God's greatest compliment to us. We cannot be programmed to make the right choices. God does not snuff us out in desperation. God keeps us in existence even as atheists and agnostics.*" Archbishop Desmond Tutu. (A video tape of Tutu's recent addresses in Oxford may be borrowed from Edmund Newell or Christopher Hall.)

OBITUARIES.

EDWIN FREDERICK RICHARD LEWIS, aged 80 years.

Ted was born in Deddington and lived here all his life, except when serving with the army during the Second World War. He worked as a builder for the Tews in Barford. He married Margaret in 1954, and after a long and happy marriage he survived her, sadly, by only three weeks. We extend our sympathy to his sister Ellen and family.

EDMUND NEWELL.

MARGARET ELIZABETH WARE,aged 84 years.

Elizabeth threw herself into village life as soon as she arrived in Deddington in 1971, promoting pageants and craft displays, helping with meals on wheels, and organising the annual village Red Cross collection. She was best known for her well researched collection of period costumes which were used in village plays and pantomimes over the years. She also had a special love for dancing and horses. We shall all miss her, and extend our sympathies to her family and friends.

KEN REEVES AND MOLLY NEILD.

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....for allowing a gremlin to bedevil the February issue as follows:

BODY WORKS Advert. (op. page 4): correct tel. no. is **338093**

JEM CHIMNEY SWEEPING Advert. (op. inside back cover): second tel. no. should read **01865 400244**

And on page 13 sincere regrets to **Oliver Hawes** and **Ray Amphlett** for misspelling their names

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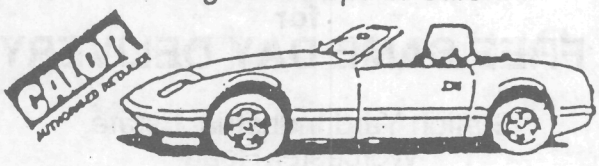

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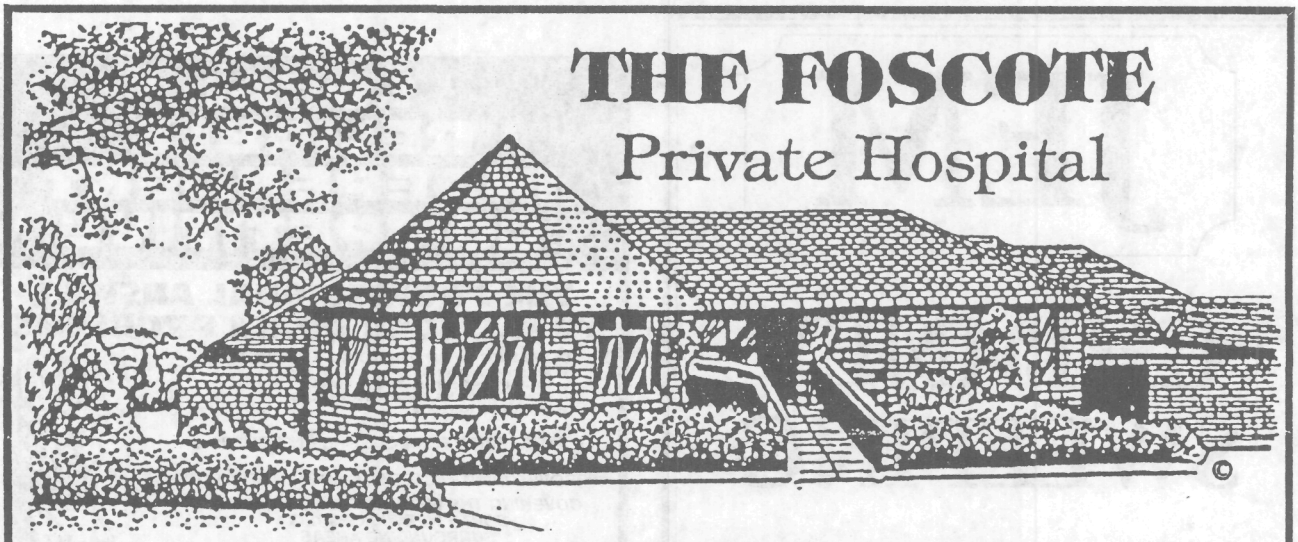

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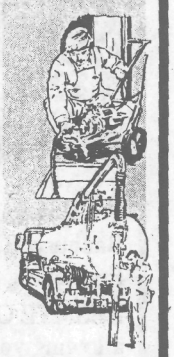

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FROM THE EDITOR'S POSTBAG

Molly Neild is acting Letters Editor for March.

FROM LAURA CHATTERTON AND EMMA HODGKINS, THE DAEDINGS
We would like to thank all those people in Deddington who contributed to our collection for Children in Need, just before Christmas. You generously donated £150.00

FROM MRS. LILY HILL, THETFORD, NORFOLK
Through the kindness of Mr. Frank Steiner, Letters Editor, I have made contact with Mrs. I.Williams of Oxford whose letter appeared in the November and December issues of the Deddington News. The name Williams meant nothing to me until I realized that we had shared the same Great Aunt, Bessie Mobley, and had played together as little girls in her garden. We lost all contact with each other early, Irene being brought up in Oxford and myself in Deddington. After more than 70 years, having made contact only last November, it seemed like a miracle that she was visiting me here in Norfolk on New Year's Day, all thanks to the Deddington News!

FROM MRS. GWEN VINEY, GROVE COURT, DEDDINGTON
This is just to say how much I like the new design for the cover of the Deddington News. It is charming and so appropriate for "All Seasons". Congratulations to Mr. Ken Langstaff.

(We have also had many verbal complimentary comments about the new cover - Eds.)

FROM BILL HUNT, EARLS LANE, DEDDINGTON
I am sure the readers will wonder what has been happening to the Museum project over recent months. I would like to reassure them that there are those of us who are reasonably confident that - eventually - it will come to fruition. It was one of the projects which the Parish Council was asked to 'take on board' at the Public meeting held in the Windmill Centre many months ago. A mass of items have already been donated and very little has been spent of the £ 2500 which the Parish Council allocated to the project again months ago. Also over recent months I have had many offers of items suitable for the Museum. These I have asked those donors who do not contemplate leaving Deddington to hold for the time being. However now that we are told the Windmill Centre is 'up and running' those of us involved with the Museum project are hopeful that Parish Councillors will be able to devote their energies to other activities - such as the establishment of Deddington Museum.

FROM MRS. J.C. EVANS, BURGESS HILL, WEST SUSSEX.
My grandparents' families (both long standing Deddington residents) were the Taylors and Drinkwaters. Albert Taylor, a blacksmith, died in 1903 aged 44 and his wife Ellen, nee Drinkwater, in 1958 aged 90. Both deaths were recorded at 2 New Street. Ellen's father, Elijah Drinkwater, worked in the Axletree factory, which is non-existent now. I would dearly love to be able to construct a history of the village life for my grandchildren in Australia. Any suggestions would be gratefully received.

FROM DON KIBBELS, THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON
The February Deddington News carried part of a letter.from Mrs.Ward pressing the case for the provision of bus shelters. These are long overdue and I look forward to their early arrival. If they are to be partially funded by advertising then this will need to be carried out with far more concern for the aesthetic than the financial value. The majority of advertising I have seen in bus shelters is an eyesore that would not enhance the village in the slightest.
I appreciate that editors must have the right to edit letters for reasons of space, fear of libel actions, or even to prevent giving unnecessary offence, but it is unfortunate that the original letter was edited (?) censored (?) quite so severely. The point that was made concerning the rapid funding and provision of a village Coat of Arms compared to the long drawn out saga of the bus shelters was a very valid one and worthy of debate. I am sure that Parish Councillors, or Editors of the Deddington News for that matter, are not so thin skinned that they cannot stand criticism. If they are they shouldn't have stood in the first place. It is

virtually impossible for them to please all of the people all of the time and it is only by healthy criticism and debate that democracy works.

(As mentioned in its editorial, the February issue was bursting at the seams; the letter concerned was long and the Coat of Arms matter deemed - apparently wrongly! - old news. The editing was discussed with and agreed by the correspondent; her second thoughts came after copy date. The DN truly has no hidden agenda! SSN)

FROM ALAN GARDNER, THE DAEDINGS, DEDDINGTON

Deddington is a strange place! The Parish Council has over £ 600,000 in the bank and has recently spent thousands of pounds on a Grant of Arms which, in my experience is normally paid for by voluntary subscriptions and not from Council Funds. Yet, as I write, the only public clock in the village has not worked for months; passengers waiting for the bus to Oxford get soaked in the Market Place when it is raining and the seat in the Council cemetery is rusting away for want of a coat of paint.

HAPPY ENDING - We're glad to report a happy ending to last month's tale of the lost pussy cat. Todd had the good sense to find his way to the Duke of Cumberland in Clifton, where he was fed and watered until news of his disappearance was noted in the Feb. issue of DN. There has since been a happy reunion....

HELPING ADAM - You may have read the Banbury Cake are running a campaign to help Adam Phillips raise money to buy a portable dialysis machine. Adam, who's one of Deddington's youngest inhabitants, has undergone five operations in his short life of 13 months and now has only one kidney that functions about 8% He will shortly need dialysis to keep him going until he can have a transplant. His parents Bob and Vanessa would appreciate any help in obtaining the machine which would give Adam as normal a life as possible. The machine would subsequently be donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital where Adam is in regular attendance. If you have any ideas, please ring Bob and Vanessa on 337425.

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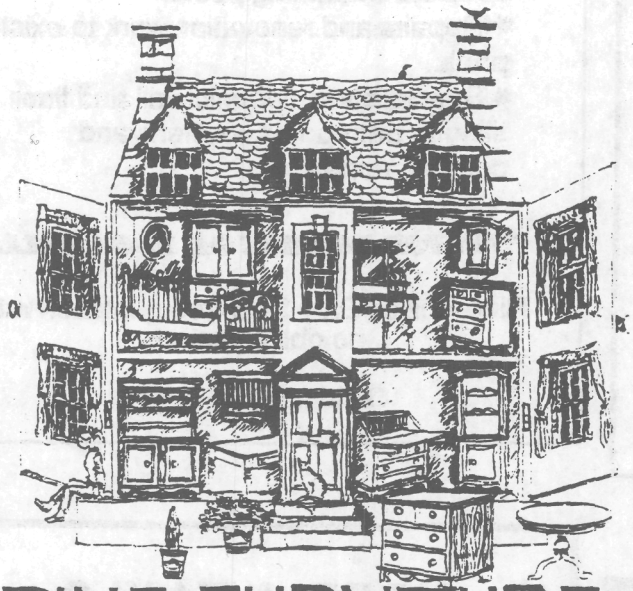

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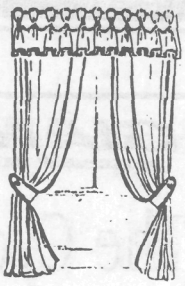

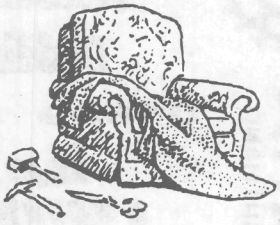

DOWN ON THE FARM

This is an ideal opportunity for me to introduce myself to the readers of Deddington News. I am Jim Calcutt and I am the new owner of College Farm, Hempton, and Manor Farm, Deddington. I live at College Farm with my wife Leah and my 1-year old daughter Katie. We have moved from Bicester where we still have a farm which grows corn and produces lambs for the early Spring market.
I took over College Farm in October 1993. We had a difficult start with me travelling from Bicester every day and waiting for machinery to be delivered. We finished drilling in late November in very wet conditions. With hindsight, I should not have drilled some of the fields but we battled on with the use of slug pellets and only re-drilled 60 acres. The combination of the weather and a late drilling gave me an average of about 55 cwt/acre for my winter wheat.
The Spring rape also had its problems. Drilling in April was late as we waited for warm weather, then it seemed to get off to a slow start. We then discovered that one variety, Sponsor, had failed on a national level. I had 60 acres of this which yielded about 5 cwt/acre - very disappointing. A poor crop is also very beneficial to weeds, which will now have to be removed. 10-20 cwt/acre for rape is considered a more average yield. I was pleased that some of my rape fell into this category so I shall possibly drill some more this year. But, as with so many crops, farmers now plant what the government will pay them to plant, not what is always good husbandry.
Currently on the farm we are busy sorting hoggets for Banbury Market, which are currently fetching around £ 50 per head. This month we will be lambing, and after that drilling, and before we know it, harvest will be upon us again.

JIM CALCUTT (337276)

STOP PRESS! DEDDINGTON BUTCHERS (formerly Clarke's Butchers) are under new management. Full details will be advertised in the April DN, but in the meantime Master Butcher John Maher would be delighted to show you their wide range of produce, featuring many new lines. Extended opening hours include Monday a.m.

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THE LONDON MARATHON - Dee Hailey tells us she's entering (second time!) the London Marathon on April 2nd. She's running those 26.2 very long miles in aid of the N.S.P.C.C. and aiming at raising £1000... She'd welcome support from anyone who would like to sponsor her. Ring her on 338942 - and Good Luck Dee

THANKS - from Angela MacKenzie to everyone for their prayers and kind wishes during her recent stay in hospital.

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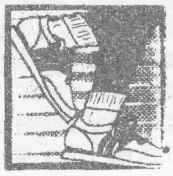

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THE WAY WE WERE Deddington 150 years ago by Buffy Heywood.

Extracts from the diaries of the Rev. Cotton Risley for February 1845:

3rd FEBRUARY - I started with our three remaining boys to school - Willy and Johnny proceeded from Oxford by train to Swindon, from thence by coach to Marlborough. I started from the Mitre in a chaise with Robert to Thame.
6th FEBRUARY - A woman from South Newington came again and I granted her a summons against her husband for assaulting her and turning her out of doors.
12th FEBRUARY - I attended at the Sheldonian Theatre at Oxford with upwards of 1,200 other members of Convocation to vote against certain passages contained in a Book written by Mr. Ward, a Fellow of Balliol College, termed "The Ideal of a Christian Church", of an unsound and Romanising tendency, and in direct violation of the sense in which he subscribed the 398 Articles etc. at the time of Matriculation and taking his Degrees subsequently. His Book was condemned by 777 votes to 386 - and he was degraded as a punishment, by 569 votes to 511. A sorely painful and memorable day for the University of Oxford.
18th FEBRUARY - We heard from our darling Betsy, and from little Robert who complained of being boxed about as he called it, by the 2nd Master at Thame School and by some of the boys.
24th FEBRUARY - Called at Mr. Field's office to get a Handbill drawn up offering a reward for a sheep I had stolen from me on Saturday night.
25th and 28th FEBRUARY - Heard from little Robert again, complaining of being beaten by his school fellows and knocked about for nothing.
3rd MARCH - I heard from Dr. Fookes in answer to my letter about poor little Robert.

. . . and 50 or so years ago

DON WALKER sent us a lively record of his childhood memories of wartime Deddington which we are publishing in two parts. (See also Bookshelf, page 13)

I was living at No.5 Hempton Road and my first memory of the war was of Mr. Herbert Callow saying to his son Maurice and me, who were playing in the garden, "Don't go down the village on your own because there is a war on." Quite frightening for two five-year-olds as we thought people were fighting in the market square. Life soon changed as young men were leaving home and then returning on what they called embarkation leave not knowing if they would ever return again.
My father Percy Walker was a member of the A.R.P. which used to have lectures and practise rescuing people in the old Council yard where Deddington Health Centre now stands. This yard was their Headquarters. They needed people to rescue, and I remember going with my father and being taken to one of the top rooms of the building to wait until I was found and lowered by ropes to the ground. One warden, Mr. Percy Vincent, used to walk round the village after dark to make sure there were no lights showing from windows after blackout curtains were fitted. I remember him shouting through our letter box one night "Don't you reckon to black your windows out?" when a chink of light was showing.
Advertisements in the papers said "Dig for Victory!" urging people to cultivate every bit of ground they had and rear a pig. Village Produce Associations were formed. Mr. Wing, the school Headmaster, was the secretary and you could collect artificial manure and lime from him which he kept in a small store in the Bullring. Potatoes to feed pigs were tipped in the school playground where they could be collected. They had a purple dye on them and could not be used for human consumption. There was an Observer Corps which had a tall look out post which stood in the allotments where Windmill Street is now. This building was still there in 1947.
Ration books : One of my weekly treats was to go with my friend to Mr. Saunders' shop in Hudson Street for 2 oz. of sweets. The selection was not very great. For your bread you had to register with one of the two bakers, either Mr. Dodswell or Mr. Course, who had your coupons and supplied bread according to the size of your family. There were four grocer's shops but we used the Co-op. You could get 2 oz. extra cheese each week if you were an agricultural worker or on the building when you had to take sandwiches to work. If you had meal for pigs and chickens, you had to forfeit your coupons for eggs and bacon. (concluded in April issue).

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DEDDINGTON PLAYERS

No, we aren't about to cast the next pantomime, but we do need to hold an annual general meeting once a year to sign up members, collect subscriptions ,discuss future plans etc. We shall meet at the Windmill Centre in the committee room on April 5th. at 7.30p.m. Do come along to meet everyone if you are interested in joining. Apologies please to 338153 JEAN FLUX 338153

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

The Saturday Side: Lesme (a) Won 3-1 M Hewitt (2), M Berry .
Barford Res(h) Won 7-1 M Hewitt (5), M Berry, D Churchill.
Middleton Cheney A(a) Won 1-0 J Risato.

Because of bad weather, the side have only played three matches in the month, all league matches, and won them all. Jamie Risato's goal was his first of the season. The team are currently top of division 3 and Michael Hewitt is the leading goal scorer with 21 goals.

The Sunday 1st. Team

Banbury Pre-Press (a) Norbar Shield Won 9-2 N Coles (3), D Farley (3), M Sprindall, A Hambis, K Harrison.
Rose Hill (a) Sam Waters Cup Won 2-0 D Farley, M Springall.
Juniper Res (a) Reg Adkins Trophy Won 3-2 M Springall (2), Own goal.

This team have been heavily involved in Cup action recently. The goals scored in the Sam Waters Cup have put the team through to the last 4 of the competition, where they will meet another Oxford side, Town Furze. They are still top of Division 3 and Neil Coles is the leading goal scorer with 41 goals.

The Sunday Reserve Side

Chipping Norton (a) Hartwells Cup Lost 1-5 I Skuce.
Banbury Pre-Press (h) Won 4-0 E Harrison (2), C Hill, C Doggett.

Although the team have played only two matches and lost to Chipping Norton, their league form continues to be very good, and they are in the thick of the promotion race. The leading goal scorers are Mark Dogett and Kelvin Mitchell with 9 goals apiece. STEVE PLUMBE 338512

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The February meeting was held on the 14th. After a short business meeting, we had our annual post-Christmas mini-auction. Members had been very generous, bringing along all sorts of nice things to sell and then bidding for something. The purpose of this auction is to raise funds for this Institute as well as to provide an entertaining evening. After that we had a charming St. Valentine's day quiz, all about love. The winner was Nan Harris, who obviously has such matters at her fingertips.

Our next meeting is the AGM on March 14th. 7.30p.m. at the Holly Tree. We have applied to go on an outing to Buckingham Palace, probably in June, for which we need to fill up a coach of 50, so we hope that friends and relatives will join us. Watch out for exact details. MARIANNE ELSLEY 338251

DEDDINGTON TENNIS CLUB

The first club night of the new season will be Wednesday, April 5th. (weather permitting). Friday evening and Sunday morning club will begin a few weeks later, unless a minor heatwave occurs! We look forward to meeting old friends again and welcoming any newcomers who may wish to join. The membership secretary is Graham Cheetham, 338605 MARION HUNT 338418

DEDDINGTON BEECHES BOWLS CLUB

Just a brief reminder that anyone interested in joining the club or seeking more information about the game should contact me or the club captain, John Boyt. (338897). The season begins on May 1st.

JOHN HUMPHREYS 338130

DEDDINGTON BADMINTON CLUB

The men's team won their match against Marlborough, 7-2. The ladies lost their match with Cramic, 8-1.Of the mixed team matches, we won against Harriers, 5-1, lost to Remarg, 5-1, and won against Marlborough, 5-1. The Juniors have played extremely well in matches on the last few Saturdays, and drew against one very experienced team. We are all very encouraged by their high standard of play.

There was a splendid turn-out for the Christmas meal at the Holcombe Hotel, which was superb. Thanks to Clive for organizing such a lovely evening.

Club nights are Tuesdays, 7.30-9.30p.m. and Thursdays, 8-10p.m. at the Windmill Centre. We are always keen to enlist new players, so do come along. LYNNE PHILLIPS 337475

DEDDINGTON GARDENERS

We are organizing an expedition to the Doubleday Organic Gardens at Ryton, near Coventry, on Saturday April 8th. The entrance fee and guided tour cost £2.50 (£1.90 concession), lunch is £4.40 and the coach is being negotiated. Please let me know if you would like to come.

We are also trying to arrange outings to The Saville Gardens (end of May), Malvern Spring Show (May 5-7) and/or Hampton Court Flower show (5-9th July). Please let me know if you are interested so that I can plan them if there is sufficient interest.

Our new membership secretary is Marianne Elsley (338251). ELIZABETH TOTHILL 338186

DEDDINGTON U3A

At the first meeting in February, Mrs Jane Courtenay provided members with a fascinating insight into the many species of trees found in South America, with some excellent slides and maps. We were grateful to Mrs. Jean Perree for stepping into the breech on February 15th and giving such an interesting account of her schooldays at the oldest girls' school in England, Redmaids, Bristol. We look forward to welcoming her back on the 1st. March, when she will be speaking about her trek in the Himalayas.

We are always delighted to welcome new members to our meetings, which are held at the Windmill Centre, at 2.30p.m. Look in the Diary section for dates. PAT BRITTAIN 338685

DEDDINGTON NETBALL

Deddington under 14 Netball team have been competing in the Banbury District Netball League in the Under 14's section since November. It took them a couple of matches to get their game together but they now stand second in the league. This season's players are Laura Chatterton, Sophie Housley (or Housefly as reported in The Guardian), Sophie Lowe, Emma Williams, Sophie Colley, Michelle Colley, Stephanie Walker, Jess England, Lara Debenham, and Beth Martin.

Results so far this season: Spectrum A, lost 14-9; Brackley A, lost 3-1; Brackley B, won 3-20; Spectrum B, won 5-15; Carrdus A, won 2-13; Spectrum A, won 14-10; Brackley A, won 18-6; Brackley B, won 11-1.

We practise on Thursday evenings on the all weather pitch at the Windmill Centre from 6p.m. to 7p.m. at a cost of 50p. per person. We are all ages from 12 to 40 plus and are hoping to enter an over 14 team in the summer league which starts in May. There is no commitment. Just come along for the fun.

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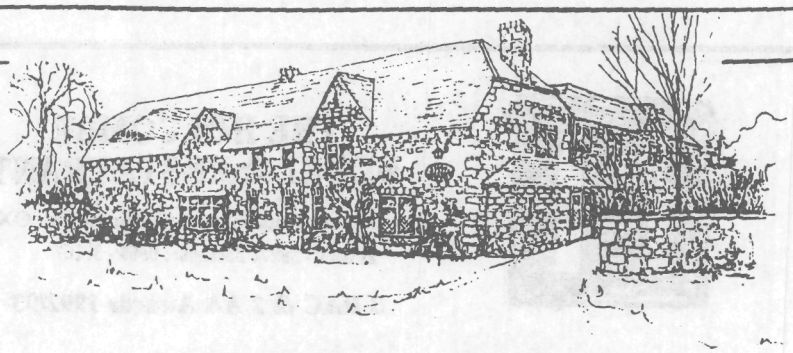

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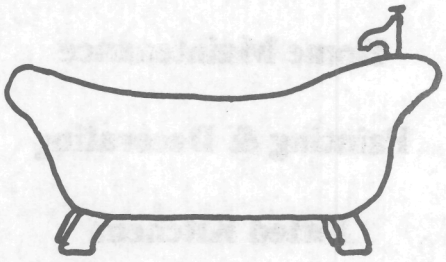

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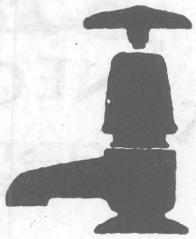

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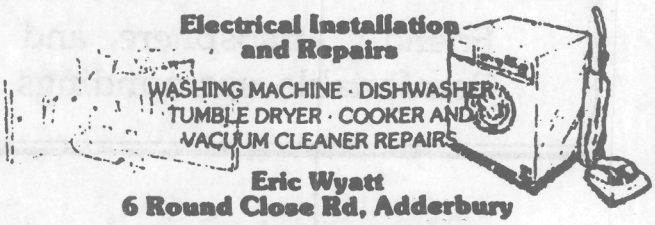

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Nature Notes

March is the first month when you are virtually guaranteed to see a butterfly; so for me, a keen lepidopterist, March is a wonderful time. The first to come out in the Spring is the Yellow Brimstone which hibernates as an adult in dense, leafy cover such as ivy. The male is quite unmistakable with its bright yellow wings, the female is much paler. It's a delicate flyer, likely to be seen flitting gently in most habitats around this area, including gardens. Once the adults have mated, the female will lay her eggs on Alder or the Common Buckthorn shrub. The adult Brimstone is probably the longest lived British butterfly, sometimes lasting up to nine months from newly emerged adult in August to dying in May or June the following year. Other butterflies to look out for this month belong to the Nymphalidae family such as the Small Tortoiseshell and the Peacock, which also over-winter as adults, often in garden sheds. These beautiful butterflies are much darker in colour, which is not just for cosmetic reasons. They can often be seen sunning themselves, their dark wings acting as efficient solar panels enabling the butterfly to raise its body temperature in the cooler Spring months. The benefit of this for the butterfly is that its increased temperature enables it to visit the early Spring flowers, which are fewer and further apart, in order to feed on nectar.
There is another sign of winter's end that may already have appeared in your garden pond - frogspawn. Frogs, toads and newts are true friends of the gardener as a large portion of their invertebrate diet is made up of slugs. So if you do find any spawn in your pond, look after it! The difference between the three types of spawn is straightforward: frogspawn is the familiar jelly-like mass; toadspawn is laid in a long string; newts lay their eggs singly on plants under water.
The recent rains have given rise to some fantastic birdwatching in the flooded meadows of the Cherwell valley. Between Clifton and Somerton flocks of Lapwing and Golden Plover have numbered into thousands - an amazing sight as they rise and fall in shifting clouds. Other notable visitors included Wigeon, Pintail, Teal and Pochard. As long as nothing ridiculous happens to the Cherwell Valley, we shall be able to see similar fine sights again next winter. JONATHAN HOOK (338357)

RSPCA IN OXFORDSHIRE - Lesley O'Reilly is Oxfordshire RSPCA Auxillary Secretary for Deddington and area. She writes "Our main work in Oxon is the rehoming of rescued dogs and cats as already described in the DN by Ted Johnson. To continue this worthwhile work we need to keep up the fund raising so I would be grateful for any offers of help or any ideas. Our annual house to house collection is in April and I am very keen to hear from anyone who could help collect as we have virtually no coverage in Deddington or the surrounding villages." If you can help or would like to know more, please **ring Lesley O'Reilly on 338511.** She adds that they have a bingo evening evening lined up at Lake House, Adderbury, on March 9th at 7 pm.

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NEWS FROM HEMPTON

Once again it is a treat to see the snowdrops and daffodils coming into flower along the verges, and once again gales have caused some damage. The name Hempton derives from the Old English Hea-tun meaning high village; Windyridge might have been more appropriate. In case you are interested, a thousand years ago Deddington was called Daedinton which meant the tun of Daeda's people. Tackley means a pasture for young sheep or tegs; it is definitely a different place!
A photographic exhibition is being planned during the summer. If anyone would be prepared to lend interesting pictures of Hempton or its residents - either ancient or more recent - please get in touch with me. Are there any snaps of the Plough Inn, or of VE Day or Coronation celebrations, I wonder? NAN HARRIS (338039)

. . . meanwhile down on the allotments

In Bill Drake's report "Digging for Pleasure and Table" he cited me as an example of what can be achieved by taking an allotment. I now feel I have a reputation to live up to.
I came to Deddington nearly 7 years ago from a house where I had a large garden to a flat with a car park to the front and a field to the rear. I didn't think I would miss a garden, but I was wrong. Desperation at times drove me to help my niece, until one evening in June last year I announced "I'm going to get an allotment." A couple of days later I rang Mr. Blakey who put me in touch with Bill Drake. I arrived at Bill's door, full of enthusiasm. Bill couldn't wait to take me along to the allotments to choose my plot. He suggested I took the strip between his plot and Ray's. There was good reason for his suggestion - the plot was covered in squitch grass about 5 foot high, generously dotted with thistles and other quite pretty weeds! I put on a brave smile. The last time I had anything to do with an allotment it had been all laid out in neat rows of vegetables! In a small voice I asked "When do you think I should start?" The reply was, "We'll get it rotovated, leave it till about August, do a bit of digging, get it roughly dug, then leave it for the frost to break the soil down."
The following evening I managed to clear about a third of the squitch. I telephoned Bill to say I couldn't wait until August - I needed to get my beans in. By the weekend it was cleared and my niece (what would I do without her) came to give me a hand to dig a strip to get the bean plants (supplied by Ben) into the ground. The following week, Mr. Paul came to rotovate the plot and hard digging then commenced. The evenings were long, the weather was hot and as each little bit of ground was reclaimed plants or seeds were put in, water was fetched - it was VERY hard work. But when I looked at the beans slowly climbing the sticks, the cabbages (after the pigeons had their fill) growing up, the first blooms on the tomatoes, I felt the utmost satisfaction.
It was a bad year for the beans - the rape seed beetle couldn't leave the flowers alone, but eventually we got a reasonable crop. That's all I really wanted - a few of those lovely succulent beans!
There is still a 6-foot strip to be dug and the weeds have popped up over quite a large area. Despite removing a haystack size heap of squitch root, and the cabbages not growing much beyond the size of a grapefruit, the tomatoes going rotten because I couldn't dig and look after them - I shall be down there again, wellies on, fork in hand. I have been given plenty of plants and good advice.
If you're "STRESSED OUT", get an allotment. It may be hard work but it's wonderful to listen to the birds, have time to think, hear the police sirens go down the hill and know you're not in the car in front of them, hear the church bells ringing, the cows lowing, the combine harvester, and experience the thrill of picking your own fresh beans. THELMA DOVER (337102)

DEDDINGTON PC CHAIRMEN - The display board detailing the names of past Chairmen of Deddington Parish Council, which the family of the late Ken Garrett is presenting to the village in Ken's memory, is to be handed to the present Chairman - Terry Clinch - by Ken's widow, Edith, at a small ceremony preceding the March Council meeting in Deddington Town Hall at 7.15 p.m. on Wednesday, 15th March.
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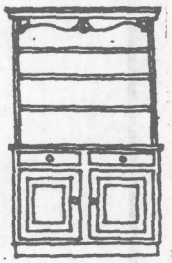

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It is difficult in a short review to choose among many fascinating snippets of information, but I must mention Mr. J. French of College Farm, Deddington, who won a certificate of merit for increasing the milk yield of his herd by over 10% and Spencers of Banbury who abandoned the manufacture of ladies' corsets to make electronically heated gloves for airmen. There are some very funny anecdotes about the Home Guard in its early days before sufficient equipment was supplied and training was improved. However, the abiding impression left by this interesting survey is of immensely detailed organisation, intricate diversity of effort and the wholehearted participation of people from all walks of life and of all ages.

DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE

Fire calls A very quiet month with only 10 calls received, mainly because from 8 am to 4 pm on weekdays the Station is off the run owing to insufficient crew. This means the nearest available Station is having to attend fires on our patch; the knock-on effect can be unbelievable resulting in added costs to other Stations and inevitable time delays in a fire appliance getting to an incident, the consequences of which do not bear thinking about.
Retirement Evening On Friday, 27th January we said farewell to Richard Powell. Some 80 friends and colleagues attended a social evening at the British Legion Club where a traditional Fire Service send-off was given to Dick. Happily he is not severing his connections with the Brigade completely as he is continuing as the Benevolent Representative.
Annual Dinner Dance On Friday, 17th February we held our annual Dinner Dance at The Crown and Cushion, Chipping Norton. Eighty Fire Service personnel and friends attended and once again a good time was had by all. ALBERT HUMPHRIES (338943)

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RURAL WELL-BEING - This Conference on health and social care on April 28 at the Windmill Centre organised by Oxon. Rural Community Council's Rural Care Forum concerns us all. The day, featuring six workshops, is free. Applications from village people, parish councillors and voluntary organisations welcomed. More in the April DN or further info from Sue Lygo, Conference Sec. on 01865-226579.

R U B B I S H ! An excess of it has invaded some parts of the village. Please make sure yours is properly secured and, especially during high winds, avoid putting it out until early morning (or late on the eve) of collection days. Thanks!

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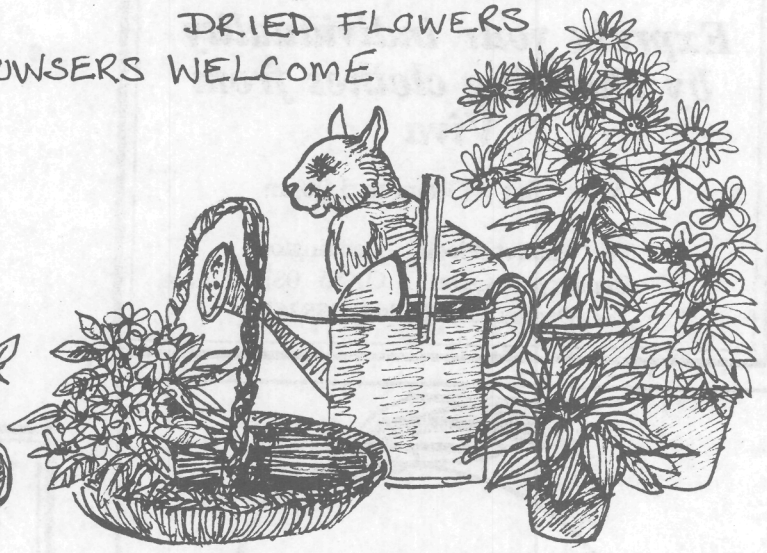

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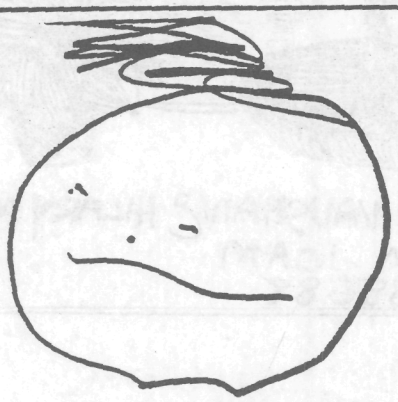

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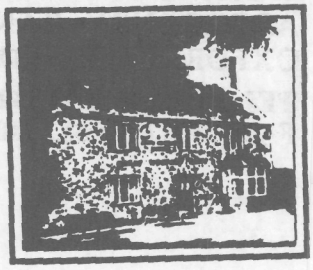

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